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06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
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### ***Additional Instructions and Preparation***

- When signing into Zoom liturgy, kindly type your name and where you're joining us from in your caption.
- Please be prepared to share Eucharist with us.
- We invite everyone to have bread and wine / grape juice present if you are able to and feel comfortable doing so. We are called to share in the priesthood of all believers in this Eucharistic celebration.
- Bread recipes are available on our [website Liturgy page](#).
- Mute mic and chat functions help to optimize your experience during the liturgy.

Dignity/New York gathers proudly as a faith community of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Straight Catholics and our friends. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We welcome all to our liturgies regardless of their faith tradition, and all are invited to share in the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion. Our community has both ordained and lay presiders whom we have called forth to lead us during our liturgies.

As a progressive and inclusive Catholic community, we use gender-inclusive language. For example, you will notice that we use "All-loving God" instead of "Our Father" when reciting the Greatest Prayer. We make our best efforts to change our hymnals and printed materials as necessary, but they do not always reflect our use of gender-inclusive language. Please feel free to change any non-inclusive language as you prefer.

Also in the interest of inclusivity, our community has intentionally chosen to use the language of the Mass prior to the revision of the Roman Missal in 2011.

**Gathering Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

GC 646

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down  
Your head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
And he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down, and drink, and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that lifegiving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
And all your day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
Till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

**Sign of The Cross & Greeting****Penitential Rite****Opening Prayer**

Word

**Reading I**

Exodus 17:3-7

**Responsory*****Shelter Me, O God***

GC 636

Shelter me, O God; hide me in the shadow of your wings. You alone are my hope.

1. When my foes surround me, set me high above their reach.  
Hear me when I call your name.

Shelter me...

2. As a mother gathers her young beneath her care, gather me into your arms.  
Shelter me...

3. Though I walk in darkness, through the needle's eye of death,  
you will never leave my side.

Shelter me...

Text: Psalm 16:61, Luke 13:34; Bob Hurd, b.1950, 1984. Published by OCP Publications

**Reading II**

**Romans 5:1-2,5-8**

**Acclamation (sung) Return to God**

**GC 389**

Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;  
come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

**Gospel**

**John 4:5-42**

Danny Larkin

**Homily**

Danny Larkin

**General Intercessions** Please respond, "God of mercy, hear our prayer."

**Eucharist**

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**Preparation of the Altar & the Gifts**

**Hymn:**

***What Wondrous Love is This***

**GC 627**

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul;  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb  
who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on!  
And through eternity I'll sing on.



**ALL:** Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks to You, God of all creation; He passed the cup among his disciples and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me. **(PAUSE)**

**Presider:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: *(sung)* **Memorial acclamation** **(GC 294)**

**Presider:** God most Holy, we commemorate Jesus, Your Beloved One, as we offer this sacrifice.

**ALL:** Death could not bind Him up, for You raised him up in the Spirit of Holiness and exalted him as the Source of all creation. May the coming again of Christ in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of the bread.

**Presider:** Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole Church offers thanks and praise, together with our Pope, our bishops, our Dignity leaders and all those who minister among your people, and those whose gifts and vocations are not yet recognized by your Church on earth.

**ALL:** We pray for ourselves here present and for all whose lives bring hope to this world. God of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith, especially those we remember in our hearts.

**Presider:** We pray for those who have died alone, unloved and unmourned. Gather them all into communion with Mary, the Mother of God, and with all your Saints.

**ALL:** Then, at last, will all creation be one and all divisions healed, and we shall join in singing your praise through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

ALL: *(Sung by all)* **(GC 168)**  
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, for ever and ever. Amen

**The Greatest Prayer**

*(please begin "Our Ever-loving God, who art in Heaven...")*

Plainchant

**The Peace**

Exchanging a sign of peace, "Peace be with you."

**Communion** *Everyone is welcome to receive the Body of Christ.*

**Communion Hymn: Now In This Banquet**

**GC 833**

Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread; Here shall all hungers be fed.  
Bread that is broken, wine that is poured, Love is the sign of our Lord.

1. You who have touched us and graced us with love,  
make us your people of goodness and light.

Now in this banquet...

2. Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;  
open our eyes to the glory of God.

Now in this banquet...

3. God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the lame to walk,  
bring us dancing into day, lead your people in your way.

Now in this banquet...

4. Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind,  
'Strong' is your name, Lord, 'Gentle' and 'Kind.'

Now in this banquet...

5. Call us to be your light, call us to be your love, make us your people again.

Now in this banquet...

6. Come, O Spirit! renew our hearts! We shall arise to be children of light.

Now in this banquet...

Lent : Lord, you can open hearts that are stone;  
Live in our flesh and our bone;  
Lead us to wonder, myst'ry and grace, One in your loving embrace.  
Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950, 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

**Post Communion Meditation Poem:** *Dear Society* by Julie Goo, Irish lesbian poet

I am a homo, homosapien  
I am attracted to other homos, homosapiens  
I am a member of the LGBTQIRSTUVWXYZ community  
a group of people in society  
segregated by our sexuality.

I am not queer, I am here, and I am me.  
If my honesty offends your inability  
to accept that I am free  
to love the essence of femininity, well  
I do not apologise, for beauty lies in the eyes  
of the beholder, and I will hold her.  
Her curves have been moulded to fit  
the pieces of my life society which  
you have jig sawed apart  
we fit together like art  
but our love is no  
exhibition to be stared at.  
And if you are to say to me that  
'God made man and woman to make child',  
I respect your right to be so black and white  
but I am grey, and I also pray that  
one day you may awake to see  
that black and white blends to make me.  
I am exhausted society from trying to suit you  
my spine aches contortionist pains  
from trying to fit into this closet,  
from which I emerged terrified and alone,  
back into my family home to sit my elders  
down and reveal to them what felt like bad news.  
But why should I, society?  
Come crawling to you to accept me?  
When it is you who should come crawling in apology  
for building that closet and forcing me in it!  
Innit?  
Why is it that you accept men to hold guns, but not hands?

### **Prayer after Communion**

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### **Blessing & Dismissal**

**Hymn:                    *Amazing Grace***

**GC 612**

1.     Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
       That saved a wretch like me!  
       I once was lost, but now am found,  
       Was blind, but now I see.
2.     'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
       And grace my fears relieved;  
       How precious did that grace appear  
       The hour I first believed!
3.     The Lord has promised good to me,

- His word my hope secures;  
 He will my shield and portion be  
 As long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
 I have already come;  
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
 And grace will lead me home.
  5. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
 Bright shining as the sun,  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise  
 Than when we'd first begun.

Text: St. 1-4, John Newton, 1725-1807; st. 5, attr. to John Rees, fl.1859

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Announcements and Acknowledgement

We encourage those who are Zoom to stay on after the closing song to chat. Those at St. John's, please exit through the common room if you are staying for the social.

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The current Dateline dated March 9, 2023 is [Dateline: Philly 50th | Jason Steidl Jack Book Chat | World Youth Day and more](#)

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Support Transgender and nonbinary people by going to [DignityUSA.org](#) to sign the beloved by God Declaration.

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The Little Black Book for Lent is available either at the back of the church when you enter or by mail. We want everyone in the community to have a book. If you are not able to pick one up at church, we will gladly ship one to you- email [dignitynewyork@gmail.com](mailto:dignitynewyork@gmail.com) with your mailing address and one will be shipped.

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#### Lenten Reflection Series

Join us each Wednesday night in Lent starting on February 22, Ash Wednesday, through April 5 at 8pm-9pm ET (7pm-8pm CT/ 6pm-7pm MT/ 5pm-6pm PT) to discuss the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. Register once to get a reminder each week, and join us for a single session or the entire series! **This series is free but registration is required on [www.dignityusa.org](http://www.dignityusa.org).**

**Each Wednesday from February 22, 2023 to April 5, 2023 8:00pm**

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The 2023 Dignity/New York calendars have arrived. They are available at the welcome table at church. They are courtesy of Provenzano Lanza Funeral Home and Hector Gonzalez.

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Donation letters were sent out. If you did not get a letter and you need it for income tax purposes, see Chris Alberti or email him [treasurer@dignityny.org](mailto:treasurer@dignityny.org).

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**We continue to take measures to keep our community as safe as possible from Covid.** Full vaccination is required for attendance at St. John's, and masks are now optional in the church.

If you test positive for Covid after attending one of our liturgies, you may want to consider notifying the people you were in close contact with, so they may take measures to protect their own health. If you would like assistance in doing this on a confidential basis, please contact any member of the Steering Committee.

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**Steering Committee** meets on the second Tuesday of the month (no meeting in August) at 7:30 pm on Zoom. All are welcome. Meeting ID: 857 2315 4226 Passcode: 697371

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**Liturgy Committee** will meet the second Monday (no July meeting) at 7:30 pm on Zoom. All are welcome. The Liturgy Committee is looking for more committee members. Meeting ID: 952 513 812 Passcode: 998088

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**Come to the Table: Catholic Worship for All - 3rd Sunday** of the month • **10:30 am to 12 Noon.** For more information, email **Patricia Russell** at [ComeToTheTable@DignityNY.org](mailto:ComeToTheTable@DignityNY.org)

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**Defenders caucus** (leather/kink) will have its monthly meeting on Zoom the **third Tuesday** of each month at 8 pm ET. Please let Lewis know if you are interested and you will get the link.

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Please check the **DignityNY YouTube** page or at the bottom of our website for Sunday Gospel and Homilies.

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### **Volunteering at Liturgies**

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for our liturgy: help open and close the church, reader, coordinator, sacristan or tech person, we are always looking for volunteers. Please let Larry Caputo or Lewis Speaks-Tanner know you are interested. [Volunteer@dignityny.org](mailto:Volunteer@dignityny.org)

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### **Protocols for in-person liturgy**

Face covering and being vaccinated are required for ALL in the church at St. John's. They are optional outside, such as in the courtyard. Reservations are not necessary. In addition, you are invited to exchange a Sign of Peace as you are comfortable doing, but please remain near your seat in order to maintain social distancing, and please respect everyone's comfort level.

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**THE CHOIR** is seeking new members. Speak to our Choir Director, **Norine**, if interested. • Auditions and Choir Practice will be in the choir loft at St. John's ½ hour before liturgy.

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### **The Trevor Project**

*Crisis intervention and mental health services for those ages 13-24*

<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

Crisis hotline: 866-488-7386 (for those ages 13-24)

**Trans Lifeline (US) 877 565-8860** [www.translifeline.org](http://www.translifeline.org)

### **National Suicide Prevention Hotline**

*24/7 hotline, staffed by trained individuals, for those in suicidal crisis or emotional distress*

<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

Crisis hotline: 800-273-TALK (8255); 888-628-9454 (en español)

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**The Dignity/New York community enjoys and values your company** in the celebration of our liturgy each week. Donations to Dignity/New York can be made by using the "Donate Now" located on our website or use the link below:

<https://www.dignityusa.org/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=31&chNum=709>

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**We encourage to become a member of DignityUSA (and Dignity/New York).** By joining, you increase DignityUSA's voice. <https://www.dignityusa.org/join>

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For more information about DignityNY or to view our **calendar**, visit our website **home page** at <http://www.dignityny.org/>

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**To join our electronic announcements (e-Bulletin) list**, send an e mail [DignityNY@dignityny.org](mailto:DignityNY@dignityny.org), or use the link on our home page.

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**To submit items for consideration for distribution** via our electronic announcements postings, send them to [Announcements@DignityNY.org](mailto:Announcements@DignityNY.org)

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**Steering Committee members:** Chris Alberti, Danny Larkin, Tom McLoughlin, James Osbourn, Lewis Speaks-Tanner, Jeff Stone and Daniel Velaquez

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Friend us on **Facebook:** [Dignity New York](#)

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**DIGNITY/NEW YORK IS A SAFE SPACE.** Feel free to greet those around you and to social, remembering to respect every person's comfort level. If anyone breaches your comfort level, please let a member of the Steering Committee know. (The members of the Steering Committee can be identified by the rainbow-colored name tags they wear).

**PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AT LITURGY.** In keeping with our Safe Space policy, Dignity/New York is a place where privacy is respected. Our policy of many years is that the taking of photos or videos during liturgy or the social is not allowed without permission being given in advance by the Steering Committee. In these cases, the community will be notified in advance, and will be told where and when cameras will and will not be allowed to shoot. Personal or small group photos should be taken or posted to social media only with the permission of each person involved.